

EXHIBIT 2-N

COMBINED NOTICE FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT and NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS (FONSI/NOI/RROF)

Date of Publication of Notice

City, Town or County

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip Code

Telephone

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about (date¹) the above-named (City, Town or County) will request the Montana Department of Commerce (DOC) to release Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds provided under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383) for the following project:

CDBG Project Title or Name

Purpose or Nature of the CDBG Project *(Insert brief description.)*

Location - City, County, State - of CDBG Project)

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named (City, Town, or County) has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

¹ Earliest date for submittal of REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS AND CERTIFICATION (Exhibit 2-Q) is one day after termination of public comment period set for the Finding of No Significant Impact.

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows (*Set forth reasons for decision.*):

(insert response)

An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to impacts on the environment has been made by the above-named (City, Town, or County). This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of _____ and _____.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of CDBG project funds.

Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the (City, Town, or County) to the (office of the undersigned or other specified place) on or before (date²). All such comments so received will be considered and the (City, Town, or County) will not request release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds

The (City, Town, or County of _____) will undertake the project described above with CDBG funds provided by DOC under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. (City, Town, or County) is certifying to DOC that (City, Town or County and chief executive officer/other certifying official as approved by DOC), in his or her official capacity as (office) consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect on the certification is that upon its approval, the (City, Town, or County of _____) may use the CDBG funds and DOC will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Objections to State Release of Funds

The Department of Commerce will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases:

² A minimum of 15 days after publication, or 18 days after the posting of this notice.

- (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer approved by the Department of Commerce;
- (b) that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process;
- (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DOC; or
- (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental design.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to: Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, 301 S. Park Avenue, P.O. Box 200523, Helena, Montana 59620.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by DOC. No objection received after (date³) will be considered by DOC.

Name of Environmental Certifying
Officer or Chief Elected Official

Date

Street Address

City, County, State, Zip Code

³ Estimate this date as a minimum of 15 days after the date that the Grantee anticipates **DOC will receive the request**. See 24 CFR Part 58. It is advisable to allow 18 or 19 days to allow several days for mailing time. **Proof of publication is required.**